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(57) Abstract: A catheter loop manager apparatus which controls the slack portion of a catheter located adjacent to an implanted pump and prevents fibrotic encapsulation of the slack catheter portion. The catheter loop manager comprises a retainer element configured to associate with an implantable pump and to releasibly hold or retain a loop or section of catheter adjacent to the pump. A pull tool is used to releasibly engage a catheter section and pull the catheter section into a loop within a retention channel in the retainer element.

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